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1. FULL TEXT OF EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF IZVESTIYA JANUARY 6
EDITORIAL ON ANGOLA KREQUESTED REFTEL) FOLLOWS (WE HAVE
NUMBERED PARAGRAPHS FOR CONVENIENCE):

BEGIN TEXT

ANGOLA'S JUST CAUSE

1. THE YOUNGEST INDEPENDENT STATE IN AFRICA--THE PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA--IS UNDERGOING A PERIOD OF SEVERE TRIAL:
INTERVENTIONIST TROOPS HAVE DRIVEN DEEPLY INTO ITS TERRITORY
AND ARE TRYING TO LIQUIDATE THE RESULTS OF THE ALMOST 14-YEAR
STRUGGLE OF THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE FOR INDEPENDENCE AND TO
INSTALL IN THE COUNTRY A PUPPET, PRO-COLONIALIST REGIME.

2. WHILE FORMALLY THE SCHISMATIC GROUPS
FNLA AND UNITA ARE MOVING AGAINST THE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT
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OF ANGOLA, THEY IN FACT ARE SERVING AS THE SHIELD FOR AGGRES-

SION BY INTERNATIONAL IMPERIALIST FORCES, WHICH UNITE WITHIN THEIR RANKS SOUTH AFRICAN RACISTS, STILL SURVIVING PORTUGUESE FASCISTS, AND FOREIGN MERCENARIES RECRUITED IN THE USA AND IN OTHER NATO COUNTRIES. ALL OF THESE MILITARY FORCES ARE EQUIPPED WITH MODERN WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT, WHICH IS BEING DELIVERED IN INCREASING AMOUNTS TO THE BORDERS OF ANGOLA AND THEN IS THROWN INTO ACTION ON THE MILITARY FRONTS.

3. AS HAS HAPPENED MORE THAN ONCE IN THE PAST IN CASES OF IMPERIALIST INTERVENTION IN AFFAIRS NOT THEIR OWN, THE TRAMPLING OF THE SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OF THE PRA, WHICH HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED BY ALL 40 STATES OF AFRICA, EUROPE, ASIA AND LATIN AMERICA, IS BEING CAMOUFLAGED BY A NOISY PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN ABOUT AN ALLEGED "SOVIET THREAT" AND ABOUT "CONTRADICTIONS" BETWEEN THE SUPPORT BEING RENDERED THE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF THE PRA AND THE POPULAR MOVEMENT FOR THE LIBERATION OF ANGOLA (MPLA) AND THE POLICY OF REDUCING INTERNATIONAL TENSIONS.

4. OF COURSE, ONE CAN IGNORE WRITINGS IN THE SPIRIT OF THE WELL-KNOWN ANTI-SOVIET ZORZA AND THE MAXIMS OF THE UN REPRESENTATIVE MOYNIHAN, WHO HAS GONE TO THE ABSURD EXTREME OF SAYING THAT THE RUSSIANS "HAVE PRACTICALLY LANDED ON THE SOUTHWEST COAST OF AFRICA." (ONE IS REMINDED HERE OF THE NOW DECEASED FORRESTAL, WHO ALSO SUFFERED FROM A MANIA ABOUT "RUSSIAN LANDINGS.") HOWEVER, EVEN MORE RESPONSIBLE WESTERN LEADERS HAVE ALSO SPOKEN OUT ON THE ANGOLAN PROBLEM RECENTLY.

5. IT IS PERHAPS PERMISSIBLE TO ADDRESS A QUESTION TO THOSE WHO DRESS THEMSELVES IN TOGA OF "FRIENDS OF THE PEOPLE OF ANGOLA": WHAT DID THEY DO FOR THE ANGOLANS DURING THE LONG YEARS OF THEIR FIGHT AGAINST FOREIGN AGGRESSORS? WAS THE PORTUGUESE COLONIAL ARMY NOT EQUIPPED WITH WEAPONS FROM NATO, INCLUDING AMERICAN WEAPONS?: HAS NOT THE CIA, AS HAS BECOME KNOWN FROM THE MANY REPORTS IN AMERICA'S OWN PRESS, DURING THE PAST MANY MONTHS UNDERTAKEN A SECRET ESCALATION OF SUPPORT FOR THE ENEMIES OF THE MPLA--THE RECOGNIZED AVANT-GARDE AND LEADER OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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ANGOLAN PEOPLE?' EVEN NOW, WHEN CONGRESS, CONCERNED BY THE PROSPECT OF CREATING A "SECOND VIETNAM," HAS REFUSED FURTHER FUNDS FOR THE SPLITLIST GROUPS, "THE SECRET AMERICAN ARMS OPERATION BROADENS AND TAKES ON AN EVEN MORE ORGANIZED FORM" (" THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR").

6. AND AS FAR AS DETENTE IS CONCERNED, IS NOT THE STRUGGLE AGAINST RACISM AND APARTHEID AND THE DEFENSE OF AND

RESPECT FOR THE SOVEREIGNTY OF YOUNG INDEPENDENT NATIONS,
A CONTRIBUTION TO A RELAXATION OF TENSIONS AND TO
THE CREATION ON OUR PLANET OF THE CONDITIONS WHICH ALL
PEOPLES, WHETHER LARGE OR SMALL, MUST HAVE FOR A PEACEFUL,
HAPPY LIFE?

7. IT IS NATURAL THAT THE TRUE FRIENDS OF THE ANGOLAN
PEOPLE, WHO HAVE AIDED THEM IN THE ARMED STRUGGLE FOR
NATIONAL LIBERATION, EXPRESS TO THEM FEELINGS OF SYMPATHY
AND SOLIDARITY, AND ARE SUPPORTING AND WILL SUPPORT THEIR
JUST CAUSE IN REBUFFING FOREIGN INTERVENTION.

8. IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE
OAU SHOULD BE CONVENING IN ADDIS ABABA TO DISCUSS THE
ANGOLAN PROBLEM. PROGRESSIVE WORLD OPINION JUSTIFIABLY
EXPECTS THAT THE OAU WILL CONTRIBUTE ITS SHARE TO THE
DEFENSE OF PRA'S SOVEREIGNTY, AND IN SO DOING AID
THAT COUNTRY'S MOVEMENT TOWARD PEACE, TERRITORIAL
UNITY, AND PROGRESS.

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